

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment that is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4028) was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To strike the sections regarding Commission awards and representation and reception activities)

On page 2, strike line 7 and all that follows through the end of the bill.

The bill (S. 879), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 879

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Arctic Research and Policy Amendments Act of 2005".

SEC. 2. CHAIRPERSON OF THE ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION.

(a) COMPENSATION.—Section 103(d)(1) of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4102(d)(1)) is amended in the second sentence by striking "90 days" and inserting "in the case of the chairperson, 120 days, and, in the case of any other member, 90 days,".

(b) REDESIGNATION.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4102(d)(2)) is amended by striking "Chairman" and inserting "chairperson".

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:15 a.m. on

Wednesday, May 17. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 2611, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we have made some progress on the immigration bill. Tomorrow we will continue to work through this complex bill, starting with the Kyl-Cornyn amendment, which is the pending amendment. Senators can expect a vote on this amendment in the morning. I remind everyone again that we still have many amendments to consider and, therefore, I hope Senators will be reasonable and agree to short time agreements.

As a reminder, Senators who have amendments to offer should be working with the bill managers in order to have their amendments debated and considered. Senators can expect a full day tomorrow, with votes throughout the day. I would also say it will be necessary to schedule sessions into the night to consider additional amendments.

I hope we can make great progress during the daylight hours. But if we consume a lot of time on each amendment, it will be necessary to continue into the evening with votes. As we have talked about now for several weeks, it is important that we consider a large number of amendments, a broad range of amendments, many to each section of this bill. It will require the cooperation of all of our colleagues with this goal in mind.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment as a further mark of respect for former Senator Chic Hecht.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:05 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 17, 2006, at 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 16, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

FRANCISCO AUGUSTO BESOSA, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO, VICE JUAN M. PEREZ-GIMENEZ, RETIRED.

REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

R. HUNTER BIDEN, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, TERM EXPIRED.

DONNA R. MCLEAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE JOHN ROBERT SMITH, TERM EXPIRED.

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

JOHN H. HILL, OF INDIANA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, VICE ANNETTE SANDBERG, RESIGNED.

OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

JOHN RAY CORRELL, OF INDIANA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT, VICE JEFFREY D. JARRETT.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, May 16, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

MILAN D. SMITH, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.